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MENIALS—QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

247. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether quarterly statements of appointments of menials made in all departments (including transferred ones) are now published in the Gazette;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will Government be pleased to state the names of departments (including transferred ones) and offices that do not now publish the said statements;

(*c*) the reason why certain departments and offices do not now publish the statements under reference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Not all.

(*b*) All Departments except, the Uplift, Registration and Anchal, Police, Excise and Public Works.

(*c*) Before the constitution of the Staff Selection Board, the Heads of Departments were required to publish a caste-war statement of new appointments made by them in their departments. The appointments included both Superior and Menial service. After the constitution of the Staff Selection Board the appointments made on their recommendations are published in the Gazette. There was no specific order that the appointment of menials should be continued to be notified, though some of the departmental heads have been publishing. As a measure of economy in paper, the publication of service orders were ordered to be discontinued in 1118.

Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, whether Government have any objection to restore the previous practice of publishing in the Gazette quarterly statements of menial appointments made in all departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They will consider.

MENIAL APPOINTMENTS

248. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have given clear instructions to appointing authorities in their Circular No. P3. 16825/16, dated 3rd April 1940, that in appointing inferior servants "special preference should be given to applicants from the Backward and Depressed classes provided of course these applicants are otherwise eligible for the service";

(*b*) whether the above instructions have been supplemented later on by Government's Circular No. D. Dis. 1247/16, dated 26th September 1940 in the following manner. "Heads of Departments are informed that thrownout hands who have got officiating periods to their credit cannot merely for that reason get preference over fresh hands if communal inequalities have to be redressed. In making these appointments preference should, as already ordered, be given to applicants from backward and depressed classes";

(*c*) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that a comparison of the figures given as appendices to the Administration Reports for 1116 and 1117 shows that whereas the number of inferior servants from the Nayar and other (caste) Hindu communities has increased by 27 and 26 respectively, the corresponding increase from the Ezhuva and Pulaya communities are only 9 and 4 respecively and that there has been a decrease of 9 and 41 from other Hindu (backward and depressed) communities and Muslims respectively, in 1117;

(*d*) whether there have been frequent complaints in the Legislative Council as well as in the press that the instructions given by Government and referred to in sub-divisions (*a*) and (*b*) are very often ignored by the appointing authorities;

(*e*) whether, in view of the aforesaid complaints, Government have taken any steps to ascertain whether their instructions in regard to this matter are closely followed by the appointing authorities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) to (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Not recently.

(*e*) Government are enquiring.

PERSONAL CLERK OF MINISTER—CANVASSING OF SIGNATURE

249. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Mr. Krishna Menon, Personal Clerk of the Hon'ble Minister has been canvassing signatures of members of the Legislative Council to form a new political party for the Hon'ble Minister;

(*b*) if so, whether he has been paid any T. A. for this purpose;
(*c*) what is the present pay and allowances, if any, he draws;
(*d*) what was his pay before he became the personal clerk of the Hon'ble Minister?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) No.
(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to sub-division (*a*).
(*c*) Rs. 60-80 (64).
(*d*) Rs. 25-40 (40).

NO. OF QUESTIONS PUT IN THE 5TH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

250. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state,—
the number of questions put in the present 5th Legislative Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*
3544, excluding the present session.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Of this how many questions have been sent by Mr. Salem ?

CYCLONE RELIEF LOAN DOCUMENTS—REGISTRATION OF

251. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the number of documents registered in the State on issue of loans above Rs. 50 as relief to sufferers in the last cyclone;
(*b*) the unmber of documents refused (1) before registration (2) after registration?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) 21 Documents.
(*b*) (1) 12, (2) 1 partial refusal.

COMMUNAL-WAR LIST—MUSIC MISTRESSES, ETC.

252. Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a communal-war list of (*a*) Music Mistresses and (*b*) of clerks, compounders and physicians in the Ayurvedic Department appointed during the last two years and ten months commencing from 1st of Chingam 1117 and (*c*) of clerks appointed in village courts since the village courts were recently re-constituted ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* A list containing the information is appended. *(Appendix II).*

Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, what is the difficulty that Government experiences to bring these appoinments also within the purview of the Staff Selection Board ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It has already been explained.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas Talappalli):* May I know whether the communal ratio is maintained in regard to these appointments ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. Heads of Departments have always been asked to maintain the communal ratio.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In view of the answer given I think the communal ratio is not maintained.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Probably there may not be qualified hands available in other communities.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Is there any difficulty to bring these appointments also within the purview of the Staff Selection Board.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The question will be considered.

ENCROACHMENTS OF LANES IN RURAL AREAS—REMOVAL OF

253. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) what has the Government done to get removed the encroachments of lanes in rural parts;
(*b*) how many encroachments were got removed from Chittur ;
(*c*) how many more left untouched there ;
(*d*) what has the Government done to the road leading to Moongalmada from the Kunnamgattupathi anicut road ;
(*e*) has not the attention of the Government been drawn to the horrible condition of the same several times since three years ;
(*f*) had they not promised to look to it every time ;

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